

NIMS-CU Workgroup Update: AZ Regional All-Hazards Communications Unit Recognition Program

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Overview



- COML Application Review Meeting & Results
- 2012 NIMS-CU Workgroup Annual Meeting
 - Policy & Procedure Review/Update
 - COMT Recognition Process
- Next Steps

Application Review Meeting & Results



- The Workgroup held an Arizona Regional All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader (COML) Application Review Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 to consider materials submitted by one individual.
- The applicant, Everett Wittig, Jr. (Bisbee Police Department), was granted recognition, and a letter was sent to him and copied to his Agency Certifying Official.
- Mr. Wittig was added to the Arizona Regional All-Hazards COML Resource List, which is posted on the PSIC Website at: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/coml/>.
 - Currently, 15 individuals from 4 counties have been granted recognition.

2012 Annual Meeting



- As prescribed in the Workgroup's policies and procedures, an Annual Meeting will be scheduled in the coming months.
- The purpose of the meeting will be to review and update policies and procedures as necessary, under the direction of SIEC.
 - The COML Recognition Program is described in the "Arizona Regional All-Hazards COML Recognition Procedure."
 - The "NIMS Communications Unit Workgroup Policies and Procedures" describes the policies and procedures that will be followed by the Workgroup, in reference to the COML Recognition Program.
 - Both documents are available on the PSIC Website at: <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/coml/>.

COMT Recognition Process



- So far, two COMT courses have been conducted in the State:
 - Tucson – October 24-28, 2011
 - Phoenix – April 9-13, 2012
- 32 individuals successfully completed the training and are now permitted to complete the Position Specific COMT Taskbook for agency certification. Many are well on their way to being done.
- Although the curriculum and duration of the COML and COMT courses are different, and the tasks listed in the Taskbooks differ to some extent, the process for agency certification as a COMT is the same as it is for a COML.
- Guidance is requested from the Committee in regard to the development of an All-Hazards Communications Unit Technician (COMT) recognition process in AZ.

Workgroup Recommendations



- The Workgroup recommends modeling the COMT recognition process after the COML process and including it as part of an inclusive AZ Regional All-Hazards Communications Unit Recognition Procedure.
 - It will be necessary to update the title and expand the scope of the Arizona Regional COML Recognition Procedure.
 - This will allow for the incorporation of the COMT, as well as other All-Hazards positions in the Communications Unit in the future (e.g., INCM, RADO).
 - Information that is specific to the application and review process may be updated and transitioned from the NIMS-CU Workgroup Policies and Procedures.



Comments?

Questions?

Next Steps



- The Workgroup will review the current policies and procedures.
- Feedback from this meeting will be incorporated, and the documents will be revised as appropriate.
- The updated policies and procedures will be published on the PSIC Website and sent to interested parties for comment at least one week prior to the August SIEC meeting.
- If the revised policies and procedures are approved by SIEC, they will be discussed at the subsequent PSCC meeting, and the Recognition Procedure will be presented for approval.



Thank You!

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